

Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3310, the “Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011”.

**REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY  
IMPROVEMENTS ACT OF 2011;  
REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF  
2011; AND TO REDUCE FEDERAL  
SPENDING AND THE DEFICIT BY  
TERMINATING TAXPAYER FINANCING OF  
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGNS  
AND PARTY CONVENTIONS AND BY  
TERMINATING THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE  
COMMISSION**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on the following: H.R. 527, the “Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 3010, the “Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011”; and H.R. 3463, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission. 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7 to 3, a closed rule for H.R. 3463. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The bill provides one motion to recommit.

The resolution further provides for consideration of H.R. 527 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the Rules Committee print of H.R. 527 dated November 18, 2011 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the Rules Committee Print of H.R. 527 dated November 18, 2011. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 527 printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject

to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The resolution further provides for the consideration of H.R. 3010 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to H.R. 3010 printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of December 2, 2011, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure addressing railway labor.

Testimony on H.R. 527 was heard from: Rep. Gowdy; Rep. Cohen; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas. Testimony on H.R. 3010 was heard from: Rep. Gowdy; Rep. Cohen; and Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas. Testimony on H.R. 3463 was heard from: Rep. Harper and Rep. Brady of Pennsylvania.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### **Senate**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, and Jessica Rosenworcel, of

Connecticut, both to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, to hold hearings to examine a balanced budget amendment, focusing on constitutionalizing the budget debate, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs mental health care, focusing on addressing wait times and access to care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine the human and taxpayers' cost of antipsychotics in nursing homes, 2 p.m., SD-562.

## House

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, hearing entitled "Keeping College Within Reach: Discussing Ways Institutions Can Streamline Costs and Reduce Tuition." 10 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Full Committee, continue markup of the following: H.R. 1633, the "Farm Dust Regulation Prevention Act of 2011"; H.R. 1173, the "Fiscal Responsibility and Retirement Security Act of 2011"; H.R. 3309, the "Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2011"; and H.R. 3310, the "Federal Communications Commission Consolidated Reporting Act of 2011". 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 3213, the "Small Company Job Growth and Regulatory Relief Act of 2011"; H.R. 2682, the "Business Risk Mitigation and Price Stabilization Act of 2011"; H.R. 2779, to exempt inter-affiliate swaps from certain regulatory requirements put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall; and H.R. 2586, the "Swap Execution Facility Clarification Act." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn. 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, markup of H. Res. 376, calling for the repatriation of POW/MIAs and abductees from the Korean War; and a hearing entitled "Compact of Free Association with the Republic of Palau: Assessing the 15-year Review." 11:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled "Preserving Progress in Iraq, Part III:

Iraq's Police Development Program." 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "Boko Haram—Emerging Threat to the U.S. Homeland." 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Review of the Use of Committee Funds of the 112th Congress." 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Constitutional Limitations on States' Authority to Collect Sales Taxes in E-Commerce." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing entitled "Is Secure Communities Keeping Our Communities Secure?" 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled "The Price of Uncertainty: How Much Could DOT's Proposed Billion Dollar Service Rule Cost Consumers this Holiday Season?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives, hearing entitled "Drug Shortage Crisis: Lives are in the Balance." 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Stimulus Oversight: An Update on Accountability, Transparency, and Performance." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled "Fostering Quality Science at EPA: Perspectives on Common Sense Reform." 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Disaster Assistance: Is SBA Meeting the Recovery Needs of Disaster Victims?" 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "The Missouri River Flood: An Assessment of River Management in 2011 and Operational Plans for the Future." 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, joint hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Process, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.